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## COMPLETE SPECIFICATION.

### A Mask Device for Use during Shaving.

We, ALEC MONK, a British Subject, of Meadow Walk, Wellesley Road, Andover, Hampshire, and HAROLD WILLIAM BELL, a British Subject, of 378 Ewell Road, Tolworth, Surrey, do hereby declare the invention, for which we pray that a patent may be granted to us, and the method by which it is to be performed, to be particularly described in and by the following statement:—

When shaving the face, the question of determining the limit of shaving area upwards on the cheeks sometimes presents a difficulty. For instance, the two straight horizontal lines, one at each side in the region of the ear, should be level and in attaining this, an upward encroachment on the head hair frequently occurs. The object of the present invention is to provide a device for avoiding such an encroachment, and to enable a pre-arranged limit or margin of shaving to be adhered to, while balancing each side.

According to the invention a device for limiting the shaved area during shaving consists of a headgear including a pair of limbs having free ends adapted to fit the sides of the head above the ears like spectacle sides, said limbs being connected together at their other ends, and a guide device carried or formed by each of the limbs which covers an area of the upper cheek and provides an edge beyond which shaving is prevented. The guide devices are preferably separate from and adjustably mounted on the respective limbs, so that when polygonal (e.g. in the form of square plates) they can be adjusted into various positions up and down with respect to the limbs and also along the said limbs.

In order that the said invention may be readily understood reference is directed to the following description of two embodiments aided by the accompanying drawings wherein:—

Figure 1 is a pictorial view showing one form of the device in use;

Figure 2 is a side view of the device shown in Figure 1, drawn to a larger scale;

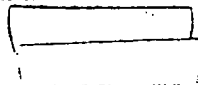
Figure 3 is a plan of Figure 2;

Figure 4 is a section on line IV—IV of Figure 2; and

Figure 5 is a view corresponding to Figure 2 but of a modification, and drawn to a smaller scale.

Referring to the drawings the headgear comprises a fork-shaped member consisting of a pair of substantially parallel limbs 1 joined together at 2 to form a handle projecting from the junction of the sides. In use, the limbs 1 are disposed on opposite sides of the head with the handle 2 projecting forwardly and with the free ends 3 of the limbs resting on the wearer's ears in the same manner that spectacles are worn. Conveniently, the free ends 3 of the limbs terminate in downturned earpieces as shown of the type commonly provided on spectacles in order to hold the device firmly in position on the wearer's head. The two limbs are advantageously formed of springy material so that when connected in the vee-form seen in Figures 1 and 3 they can be opened out and sprung into a gripping position. If desired, the limbs 1 may be cranked as at 4 (Figure 5) so that the junction thereof will rest on the wearer's forehead and will not obstruct his vision.

Each limb has adjustably mounted thereon a polygonal plate 5, preferably of square form, forming a guide device which serves to define the upper limit of the area of the cheek to be shaved by covering the upper cheek and head hair immediately above said area. The plates 5 are mounted for horizontal adjustment in the slot 6 to compensate for different shapes and sizes of heads and for vertical adjustment by the slot 7 to obtain the desired length of "sideboards" or sidewhiskers. In addition each plate may be turned through 90° in its own



plane about the clamping screw 8 to present two different kinds of edges to the razor. At least one straight edge 9 of each plate is bevelled to present a sloping surface to the razor. These bevelled edges are particularly useful when shaving with a safety razor or an open razor. Another straight edge of each plate presents a blunt edge 10 which is particularly useful when shaving with an electric razor or other dry-shaving type of razor.

In using the device, the plates 5 are adjusted to bring either a bevelled edge or blunt edge lowermost, in accordance with the kind of razor to be used, and the earpieces 3 are slipped over the earpieces 3 are slipped over the ears while supporting the device in the hand by means of the forwardly projecting handle 2. The plates may now be adjusted horizontally so that they cover the hair immediately in front of the ears, but it will be apparent that after this initial adjustment it will not be necessary to alter the horizontal positions of the plates if the use of the device is restricted to one person. Finally the plates may be adjusted vertically by the slots 7 to obtain the desired depth of "sideboard" or sidewhiskers. With the plates adjusted and with their blunt horizontal edges lowermost, an electric razor or other dry-shaving type of razor can be pressed against such edges to obtain a straight line along the bottom of the "sideboards" or sidewhiskers. On the other hand, with the bevelled edges of the plates lowermost, the blade of a safety razor or open razor can be slid down the bevelled edge to trim the bottom edge of the "sideboards" or sidewhiskers to a straight line.

To facilitate storage and packing, the two

limbs 1 may be hinged together or made detachable, one from the other, at the handle 2, or a hinged joint made at a suitable place along the length of each limb.

What we claim is:—

1. A device for limiting the shaved area during shaving consisting of a headgear including a pair of limbs having free ends adapted to fit the sides of the head above the ears like spectacle sides, said limbs being connected together at their outer ends, and a guide device carried or formed by each of the limbs which covers an area of the upper cheek and provides an edge beyond which shaving is prevented.

2. A device according to Claim 1 in which the guide devices are separate from and adjustably mounted on the respective limbs.

3. A device according to Claim 2 in which the guide devices are polygonal (e.g. square) plates, which can be adjusted into various positions up and down with respect to the limbs and also along the said limbs.

4. A device according to Claim 3 in which the guide plate has at least one bevelled and one blunt edge and is capable of rotation in its own plane so that either type of edge constitutes the upper margin of the exposed part of the cheek.

5. A device for limiting the shaved area during shaving constructed substantially as herein described and as illustrated in Figures 1 to 4 of the accompanying drawings.

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Broadly, according to the present invention, a device for limiting razor strokes during shaving comprises a headgear provided with a pair of guide means which, in

use, are disposed on opposite sides of the head to define the upper limit of the area to be shaved. Preferably, the pair of guide means comprises a pair of plates adjustably mounted on the headgear.

According to one practical form of the invention, the headgear comprises a fork-shaped member consisting of a pair of substantially parallel limbs and a handle projecting from the junction of the limbs. In use, the limbs are disposed on opposite sides of the head with the handle projecting forwardly and with the free ends of the limbs resting on the wearer's ears in the same member that spectacles are worn. Conveniently, the free ends of the limbs terminate in earpieces of the type commonly provided on spectacles in order to hold the device firmly in position on the wearer's head. If desired, the limbs may be cranked so that

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the junction thereof will rest on the wearer's forehead and will not obstruct his vision.

Each limb has adjustably mounted thereon a rectangular plate which serves to define the upper limit of the area to be shaved by covering the head hair immediately above said area. The plates are mounted for horizontal adjustment to compensate for different shapes and sizes of heads and for vertical adjustment to obtain the desired length of "sideboards" or sidewhiskers. In addition, each plate may be turned through 180° in its own plane to present two different kind of edges to the razor. One horizontal edge of each plate is bevelled to present a sloping surfaces to the razor. These bevelled edges are particularly useful when shaving with a safety razor or an open razor. The other horizontal edge of each plate presents a blunt edge which is particularly useful when shaving with an electric razor or other dry-shaving type of razor.

In using the device, the plates are adjusted to bring either the bevelled edges or blunt edges lowermost, in accordance with the kind of razor to be used, and the earpieces are slipped over the ears while supporting

the device in the hand by means of the forwardly projecting handle. The plates may now be adjusted horizontally so that they cover the hair immediately in front of the ears, but it will be apparent that after this initial adjustment it will not be necessary to alter the horizontal positions of the plates if the use of the device is restricted to one person. Finally, the plates may be adjusted vertically to obtain the desired depth of "sideboard" or sidewhiskers. With the plates adjusted and with their blunt horizontal edges lowermost, an electric razor or other dry-shaving type razor can be pressed against such edges to obtain a straight line along the bottom of the "sideboards" or sidewhiskers. On the other hand, with the bevelled edges of the plates lowermost, the blade of a safety razor or open razor can be slid down the bevelled edge to trim the bottom edge of the "sideboards" or sidewhiskers to a straight line.

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